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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 11843

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CZECH PROTEST AT UPU LISTING OF BERLIN

REFS: (A) BONN 8023 (NOTAL)

(B) STATE 108214 (NOTAL)

(C) BONN 7793 (NOTAL)

1. AT THE JUNE 27 BONN GROUP MEETING, THE UK REP
(EYERS) DISTRIBUTED THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION WHICH
WAS SENT BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK POSTAL ADMINISTRATION TO
THE UPU AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE UPU ON JUNE 12, L978:

BEGIN TEXT:

"ON RECEIVING THE NEW EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LIST
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OF POST OFFICES PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU,
WE HAVE NOTED THAT THE WEST BERLIN POST OFFICES ARE
DESCRIBED IN IT AS IF THEY WERE PART OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. OUR ADMINISTRATION DECLARES THAT
SUCH A DESCRIPTION IS IN CONTRADICTION WITH POLITICAL
REALITIES.

AS IS WELL KNOWN, BERLIN IS THE CAPITAL OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND CONSEQUENTLY FORMS AN INSEPARABLE PART OF THIS SOVEREIGN STATE. WEST BERLIN IS A CITY WITH A SPECIAL POLITICAL STATUS CLEARLY DEFINED BY THE QUADRIPARTITE ("FOUR POWER") AGREEMENT OF 3 SEPTEMBER 1971. THE CITY OF WEST BERLIN IS NOT PART OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND IS NOT GOVERNED BY IT.

OUR ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERS THAT THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE UPU SHOULD TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL LIST OF POST OFFICES SO AS TO BRING THE EXISTING SITUATION INTO LINE WITH POLITICAL REALITIES.

OUR ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE OBLIGED IF YOU WOULD BRING THE PRESENT LETTER TO THE NOTICE OF ALL UPU MEMBER COUNTRIES." END TEXT

2. THE SOVIETS HAD PREVIOUSLY PROTESTED ALONG SIMILAR LINES (COPY POUCHED TO EUR/CE ON MAY 30, 1978) AND THE UK, AT FRG REQUEST, IS PREPARED TO CIRCULATE IN WRITING ITS REPLY TO THE SOVIETS, USING THE TEXT CONTAINED IN REFS A AND C. THE BONN GROUP AGREED AD REF ON JUNE 27 THAT THE CZECH PROTEST SHOULD BE ANSWERED BY ADDING TO THE END OF THE REPLY TO THE SOVIETS THE FOLLOWING CONFIDENTIAL

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TEXT FROM THE CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR REPLY TO SOVIET/ EAST EUROPEAN PROTESTS ON BERLIN: "REGARDING OTHER COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT, I WOULD LIKE TO STATE THAT STATES WHICH ARE NOT PARTIES TO THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT ARE NOT COMPETENT TO COMMENT AUTHORITATIVELY ON ITS PROVISIONS."

3. ACTION REQUESTED: UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO THE CONTRARY, WE WILL INFORM THE BONN GROUP ON JUNE 30 THAT THE US CONCURS IN THIS PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE TEXT. STOESSEL

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